

DAVID A. PENROD AND ISABELL KERBY

Age
David Abram Penrod was born April 9, 1872, at Provo, Utah, oldest son of Abraham and Ellen Durfee Penrod. He came to Wallsburg with his parents at the age of two. Isabell Kerby was born January 12, 1870, in Wallsburg, daughter of Francis and Mary LeCarnu Kerby. In Mary's writing in her family history she says: "David Abram Penrod and Isabell Kerby, founders of this record and family, were raised in the little town of Wallsburg, one of the most beautiful villages in the world, nestling among the mountains which seem to surround it as a towering wall of protection." They were both reared on the farm and enjoyed the privileges and pleasures of country life. They started to go together in June, 1890, and were married in the Manti Temple on October 28, 1892. Isabell died July 22, 1922, in Idaho, and is buried with her baby daughter, Ellen, in the cemetery at Declo, Idaho. David died at Pleasant Grove, Utah, on October 4, 1949, after a lingering illness.

After Isabell's death, David married Melissa Ford, daughter of Joseph Lewis Ford and Eliza Lovisa Smith. She was born February 4, 1881, and died November 29, 1942. He then married Clara Farley Mecham, who was born February 19, 1892.

As a young man, David carried the mail on horseback to Heber and back. It took a young man to stand up under the strain.

David filled a mission in the Southern States from 1905 to 1907. His experiences in Kentucky were a tremendous test of the spiritual and moral strength of the young man. While he was gone, Isabell took care of the children and farm, with the help of her son Francis, 12.

David was a Seventy in the Church, an office he wanted to remain in. After they moved to Declo, Idaho, he filled two stake missions in Cassia County, 1927-28 and 1937-38, and in the Timpanogos Stake, 1940-41. He was an ardent Church worker.

Isabell was a great worker in the Wallsburg Ward. She was blessed with the natural gift of the poet, like many of the gifted members of the Kerby family. She was called to write poetry and prose for her president of the YWMIA, counselor in the Church activities. In Wallsburg she was Primary and Relief Society and a Sunday School teacher. She was a fine actress also.

Their children: Francis, Mabel, Paul, MaDella, and Louise. 977

DELOSSE WELLS PENROD AND ROSEWOOD ROBINSON

Delosse Wells Penrod was born August 10, 1874, in Wallsburg, Wasatch County, son of Abraham Penrod, who was born July 12, 1844, in Hancock County, Iowa, and Ellen Eliza Durfee, who was born March 18, 1848, at New Canton, Pike

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County, Illinois. He married Rosewood Robinson on December 4, 1894, in the Salt Lake Temple. She was born on October 8, 1875, at American Fork, daughter of William Walker Robinson, who was born on March 8, 1833, at Manchester, Lancaster, England, and died September 23, 1923, at American Fork, Utah, and Harriet Wood, who was born June 2, 1838, at Pottery, Staffordshire, England, and died August 12, 1876, at American Fork.

Abraham and Ellen set a wonderful example for their children—kindness, consideration, patience and love and companionship among all of them. Delosse was good company for everyone. Rosewood was a small woman and wore her heavy hair in braids around her head. When she was with her granddaughters she would sit on a chair, unbraid her hair, which would touch the floor. The girls loved to comb and brush it.

As a boy, Delosse and his brother Abe carried mail to and from Heber, Charleston and Midway. Many times they were caught in blizzards with snow up to their stomachs. Many times they stopped at Sabey's, just outside Wallsburg, for hot meals and a night's lodging.

Sleigh-riding and dancing were the popular entertainment. Delosse had sleigh bells for his team's harnesses. Everyone who has heard sleigh bells, especially on a clear, frosty winter night, knows the cheery, happy sound.

Rose was born into a home where there was a plural marriage. Her mother died soon after she was born. She was broken-hearted about having another woman brought into her home. Rose's sister Elizabeth was like a mother to her and after Elizabeth married Bill Armstrong and they moved to Wallsburg, Rose lived with them until she married Delosse in the Salt Lake Temple.

They had a happy marriage. Rose was an excellent housewife and cook and seamstress. She took immaculate care of her family and herself. She was Relief Society adviser in the Fourth Ward for many years. She kept her children busy tearing carpet rags, which she sewed and wound into balls. She taught them to quilt by the time they could reach the top of the quilt.

Delosse was a High Priest and ward teacher at the time of his death.

They were a fine-looking couple. She had silver hair and her eyes were as black as coal. He was always smiling. This was spoken of at their funeral.

Their children were: William, Harriet, Ella Rose, Myrtle Elizabeth, Alta May and LaPreal.

There are 26 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren. 978